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SUBJECT: NPG: DRAFT PERM REP REPORT - WINTEX 77

REFS: A. USNATO 2047, DTG 080605Z APR 77; B. USNATO 2077,
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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS REQUESTED REF A ARE KEYED TO NPG(SG)
WP(77)3 (2D REV) AS TRANSMITTED BY REF B.

- PARA 16. TIME FRAME FOR INITIAL USE. COMPRESSION OF THE
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TIME FRAME FOR INITIAL USE IS CONTINGENT UPON THE ABILITY
OF NATO AND THE MNC TO ACCOMPLISH THE POLITICAL AND
MILITARY EFFECT DESIRED IN THE PERIOD DESIGNATED AS
APPROPRIATE. THE QTE TIME SPAN FOR FIRING UNQTE CAN BE
SHORTER THAN THE PLANNING TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH THE
INITIAL USE IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. IT APPEARS TO US
THAT THE RISKS INHERENT IN MENTIONING A TIME FRAME FOR

INITIAL USE IN A CNI MESSAGE (E.G., RISK OF PREEMPTION, RISK THAT INITIAL USE MIGHT NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN TIME FRAME SPECIFIED) MIGHT OUTWEIGH ANY ADVANTAGES OF SUCH MENTION. THIS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH SHAPE PLANNERS FOR CLARIFICATION.

- PARA 18. LAST SENTENCE, CHANGE QTE A PROBLEM UNQTE TO

READ QTE AN ISSUE, UNQTE THUS PROVIDING CONNOTATION OF AN UNRESOLVED MATTER WITH MERIT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION.

- PARA 25. DELETE OR MODIFY LAST SENTENCE. THE FACT THAT NO REQUEST FOR ADM WAS GENERATED WITH A SCENARIO-DRIVEN EXERCISE DOES NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR QUESTIONING NATO'S ADM EMPLOYMENT POLICY.

2. KEY POINTS RAISED BY THE DRAFT REPORT SHOULD PROVIDE A USEFUL STRUCTURE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE WINTEX EXERCISE BY MINISTERS:

A. DELAYS OBSERVED IN MESSAGE RECEIPT.
B. LENGTH OF MESSAGES AS A FACTOR IN DELAYS IN TRANSMISSION.
C. IMPROVEMENTS NOTED IN CONTENT AND UTILITY OF THE EARLY NOTIFICATIONS WARNING (WHISKEY), REQUEST (ROMEO) AND EXPENDITURE (ECHO) MESSAGES.

D. DILEMMA POSED BY (REALISTIC) NON-SYNCHRONIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MNC'S NUCLEAR RELEASE REQUESTS.

E. CONTENT OF CNI MESSAGES.

F. METHODS FOR INFORMING THE NATO PUBLIC AND NON-NATO NATIONS.

G. FAVORABLE IMPACT OF SEP PLANNING.

H. USE OR POSSIBLE LOSS OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

I. USE OF ADM DURING EXERCISES.

J. WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL ATTACK?

K. TIMELY AVAILABILITY OF COUNTRY VIEWS, INCLUDING THOSE OF NUCLEAR POWERS, PRIOR TO DECISION-MAKING ON NUCLEAR REQUESTS.

3. WE HOPE THAT IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, SACEUR WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC.

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